

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:556

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COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF KADALUNDI TRAIN ACCIDENT IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have compensated the victims of Kadalundi train accident in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the full compensation is likely to be provided to the victims?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)& (b) : Compensation amounting to Rs. 178.48 lakhs has been paid in 38 cases of death and 58 cases of injury in this accident.

In eight cases, payment is under process and 178 cases are awaiting disposal in Railway Claims Tribunal.

(c) :

(i) Inability of litigants to produce documents and witnesses on time;

(ii) Vacancies of Members in the Benches of Railway Claims Tribunal.

Railway Claims Tribunal is a judicial body and follows procedure for hearing of settlement of claims cases as provided for in the Railway Claims Tribunal Act. No time frame, therefore, can be prescribed for finalisation of pending claims in Railway Claims Tribunal.